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The Baronial Court

**Sir Gregor von Münchhausen and Lady Monika the Fair
Baron and Baroness of al-Barran**

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Premiere Blade.....Don Ulrich Krieger

Lord of Outlandish.....THLord Boleslav

Lady of May.....Lady Astridr Halfdanardottir

Outlandish Blade.....Lord Óengus mac Conchobhair

Flower of Chivalry.....Don Charles Robert Blackstone

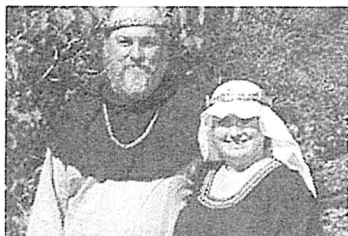
Rapier Flower of Chivalry.....Don Govanen Blackwell

Bard of al-Barran.....Godfrey Tancredquire

Protector of the Baroness's Heart.....Kendrick MacPherson

Champion Archer.....Lord Djurig von Aukring known as Druid

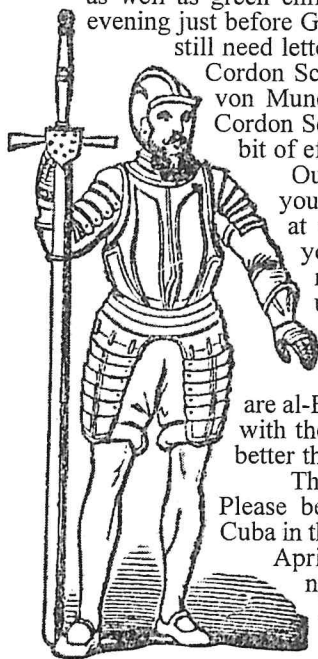
Baronial Arts and Science Champion.....Uasal Óengus au Faeláin



From the Baron & Baroness

Greetings to all al-Barran, Both Baroness Monika and I hope this finds everyone well. al-Barran Midwinter was a wonderful event. We hope that everybody that was able to attend was as satisfied as we were with the evening of festivities and the war practice that followed. Speaking of WAR, we hope everybody is getting prepared and training for WAR. We both want to see as many there as can go to support our wonderful Kingdom and Crown.

There will be breakfasts provided on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday as well as green chili and non-green chili stew on Saturday evening just before Guido court. Speaking of Guido court, we still need letters from those who want them as well as Cordon Scorpions. Please spell al-Barran, Gregor von Munchausen, Monika the Fair and Guido or Cordon Scorpion correctly. Also please put forth a bit of effort in the petitions.



Our land coordinator is Scott and he needs your tent size etc. so we can get enough space at war. Please volunteer as much time as you can at war for things like gate or security. Let Beatrice know about ANY volunteer hours as the Barony and Kingdom get credit and thus a portion of the proceeds.

To all who go to war, remember we are al-Barranians and all that we do at war we do with the heart of the Stag, there is no Kingdom better than ours.

The upcoming months will be very busy. Please be prepared to help al-Barran take back Cuba in the Cuban Ballista Part Duex coming up in April. Outlandish is also just around the corner. Please feel free with your time and help out as you can. Above all, have fun.

May your spring and summer travels be safe!

Gregor
Baron

Monika
Baroness

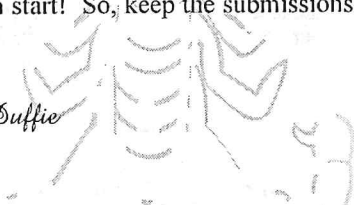
From the Chronicler

Greetings al-Barran and Happy New Year! This issue's cover is the shot at something new and different. Congratulations to Mary, daughter of JT and Tobe Whoreschum, for winning the coloring contest. Her work is displayed on this month's Baronial Shaft. It was wonderful to get the kids involved with this publication. We are always trying to find new things to do with the Shaft and this one was a fun discovery.

So, once again, I am coming to the populace for articles and artwork submissions. The first four months of being Chronicler have been a wonderful experience. It has been interesting to see what people would like the community to know. Take a look at Li Guang Ming's article about *Warriors, Knighthood, and Virtues*. It is a very interesting read. Jacqueline du Champ is coming to us again with a new *Curious Quill* and *Getting to Know the Populace*. A lot of new and interesting articles and topics for a new Baronial Shaft.

I just love a fresh start! So, keep the submissions and subscriptions coming!

In Service,
Lady Teresa MacDuffie



From the Mistress of the List

Greetings to all al-Barranians! Happy New Year!! I bring exciting news to all of you; soon our Grand Barony will be hosting PRIZE TOURNAMENTS for Light and Heavy fighters. These PRIZE Tourneys will be starting in March, ongoing thru September. They will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Fighter Practice Park! This will be a great way to stay sharp and show us all your abilities on the field, what better way to use what you learn at practices! And be REWARDED!!

For more information about the tournaments please contact Sir Seth. There will be many volunteer opportunities for autocrating the tournaments. PRIZE donations will be needed, Artisans Prepare!! Many tournament styles will be considered, talk to Sir Seth and me about your ideas!

Every officer needs a good deputy! If you are interested in having front row seats to watch our glorious fighters in action, contact me! I will teach anyone who wants to learn how to run a list. It will be Fun!

I hope all of you have a great New Year! And lets all unite as we prepare for WAR!!!

Truly Yours In Service,
Lady Bevin
List Mistress, al-Barran

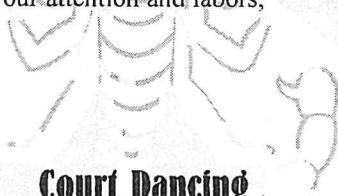
A Call for Articles of Beauty and Worth

Unto the populace and peerage of al-Barran, Greetings. Our gracious Baron and Baroness, on behalf of our beloved King and Queen, have called on us to create articles of beauty and worth for our allies in the coming Estrella War, the King and Queen of Calontir.

These articles will be presented at War to the Majesties of Calontir by our King and Queen. The articles are meant to be personal gifts for their Majesties of Calontir. Their kingdom colors are purple and gold. We have already received promises of beautiful items from several people in the Barony, but more are needed. As I am coordinating the efforts to collect the items which will be presented to our Baron and Baroness for their approval, please feel free to contact me at (505) 298-2169 with any questions or concerns that you may have. Remember that it is right and proper for us to share our skill and talent with everyone in the Known World, especially our allies in the coming War.

In grateful thanks for your attention and labors,

Genevra



Court Dancing

There will be two Court Dance practices at fighter practice in January at Bataan Park, from 12:00 to 2:00pm. As of the deadline for the January Shaft, we don't have the dates for these two dance practices. Announcements will be made to the al-Barran and Dance/Music lists. Anyone wanting an email or a phone call from me with the dates, once they are determined, should email me at krege@aps.edu. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our court dance practices. Court dance practices at Blaiddwyn are led by Lady Dovey on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at the SUB at UNM, 7-9pm. Bataan Park is at the NW corner of Lomas and Carlisle.

For more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Jayne at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Music and Court Dance discussion list at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/ This free yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Jayne Barber

The Curious Quill

By Jacquette du Champ

Medicago sativa is an ancient plant that is thought to have originated in Central Asia. It was introduced into China 2000 years ago; from there it spread to Greece in the 5th century BC. The Ottoman Empire took it with them during the 8th century into North Africa and Spain. This plant is now cultivated worldwide. What is so special about this innocuous plant?

M. sativa is rich in nutrients, including protein, minerals (especially calcium), pro-vitamin A, most of the B vitamins, C, D, E, and K. It also has medicinal use. It can be used as an astringent to cleanse toxins from the tissues, controls bleeding, stimulates appetite, lowers cholesterol levels, and is a diuretic. This amazing plant was used for patients during convalescence, anemia, and hemorrhage. It was also used for menopausal complaints, premenstrual tension, fibroids and other hormonal imbalances. However, it does contain porphyrins, which can cause liver damage. The leaves can be eaten raw or cooked as a vegetable. Seeds are sprouted for use in salads, having a sweet pea-like flavor.

This amazing plant has transformed the agricultural potential of areas with poor soil. It is a long-lived deep-rooted plant that can be cut up to five times each season. Excellent honey is obtained from its flowers. *M. sativa* is still known today by its Arabic name, alfalfa. This plant that is so common in fields today was highly prized and journeyed the world. It is still of major importance as a fodder crop. Animals fed with this plant are healthier and stronger than with other fodders. Human usage is now limited to enjoying the honey, and crunching the sprouts in our salads.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

My Lords and Ladies it is time to get your art ready for Grande Outlandish. Submissions for the Tee-shirt designs are sought. The theme is nautical and submissions must be black and white. Please remember that it is for tee-shirts/reproducible art. The deadline is March 31, 2008. For more information please call Caroline at 266-1656 or email at bahaiunity@gmail.com.

Getting to Know the Populace

By Jacquette du Champ

(This is a reprint from last month, enjoy!)

The sound of laughing, the swish of blades in the air, twinkling eyes and the gallantry of the 16th century greet you in the world of the rapier fighters. One of these noble gentles consented to an interview for the Shaft.

Barron Govanen is a late 16th century Anglo-Welsh persona. He hales from the lands between England and Wales. Once a privateer during the Armada campaign, he has settled down as a fencing instructor. Govanen is a Defender of the White Scarf, which is considered the highest award for rapier fighters in most of the kingdoms. He earned this through skill with the rapier, service to the kingdom, chivalry on and off the field, and dedication to the rapier community. White scarves are given at the discretion of the Crown.

Govanen was admitted to the Order of the White Scarf without having been a cadet. However, cadets are the formal students of White Scarves. Anyone can approach White Scarves for training. Wearing a red scarf tied to arm or shoulder shows that you are a cadet. It is a minor ceremony, varying amongst gentles, but is usually witnessed by the Queen.

The first event Govanen attended was Mayday melees in Drygystan 21 years ago. He was drawn to the SCA because of the "fighting, history and women". He has an impressive list of accomplishments including: Cut-and-Thrust Marshal for the Kingdom, Deputy Kingdom Marshal of Fence, Marshal of Fence for Drygestan and al-Barran, Reeve for Drygestan, Protector of the Queens Heart, Queens Rapier of Chivalry, Baroness's Rapier of Chivalry, Protector of the Baroness's heart, Premiere Blade and the second Captain of the Condotierri.

Barron Govanen's lady is the lovely Lady Bronwen, who keeps him on his toes. Like Govanen, Lady Bronwen is also late 16th century rural Welsh nobility. Bronwen is also a rapier fighter and is the cadet of Don Rudger. In his mundane life Govanen is Jon Robbins, originally from Santa Fe. He works at a veterinary clinic in Santa Fe.

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JANUARY

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURS

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6 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - Court Dance Practice	7 - Gammer Gurton's Needle - Blaiddwyn Court Dance Practice	8 - Blaiddwyn Populace Meeting	9 - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
13 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - Court Dance Practice	14 - Blaiddwyn Bellydance Practice	15 - CITIZEN'S MEETING	16 - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
20 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - War Practice (Fontaine)	21 - Gammer Gurton's Needle - Blaiddwyn Court Dance Practice	22	23 - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
27 - Fighter & Rapier Practice	28 - Blaiddwyn Bellydance Practice	29	30 - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?
Email your event to [chronicler@al-](mailto:chronicler@al-barran.org)

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DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4	5 - Westside Fighter Practice - Archery Practice - 12rh Night (Caethan)
10	11 - Weaving Knowledge	12 - Archery Practice - 12rh Night (Citadel)
17	18 - ARTICLES & ARTWORK DUE FOR BARIONAL SHAFT	19 - Westside Fighter Practice - Archery Practice - 12rh Night (Fontaine)
24	25	26 - Archery Practice
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JANUARY

5 Caethan 12rh Night

12 Citadel 12rh Night
and War Practice

19-20 Fontaine 12rh
Night and War Practice

26 College of St. Golias
War Practice

FEBRUARY

12-18 ESTRELLA

MARCH

9-16 Gulf Wars

22 Winterwolf

* ATTENDED BY ONE OR
BOTH OF THEIR
EXCELLENCES



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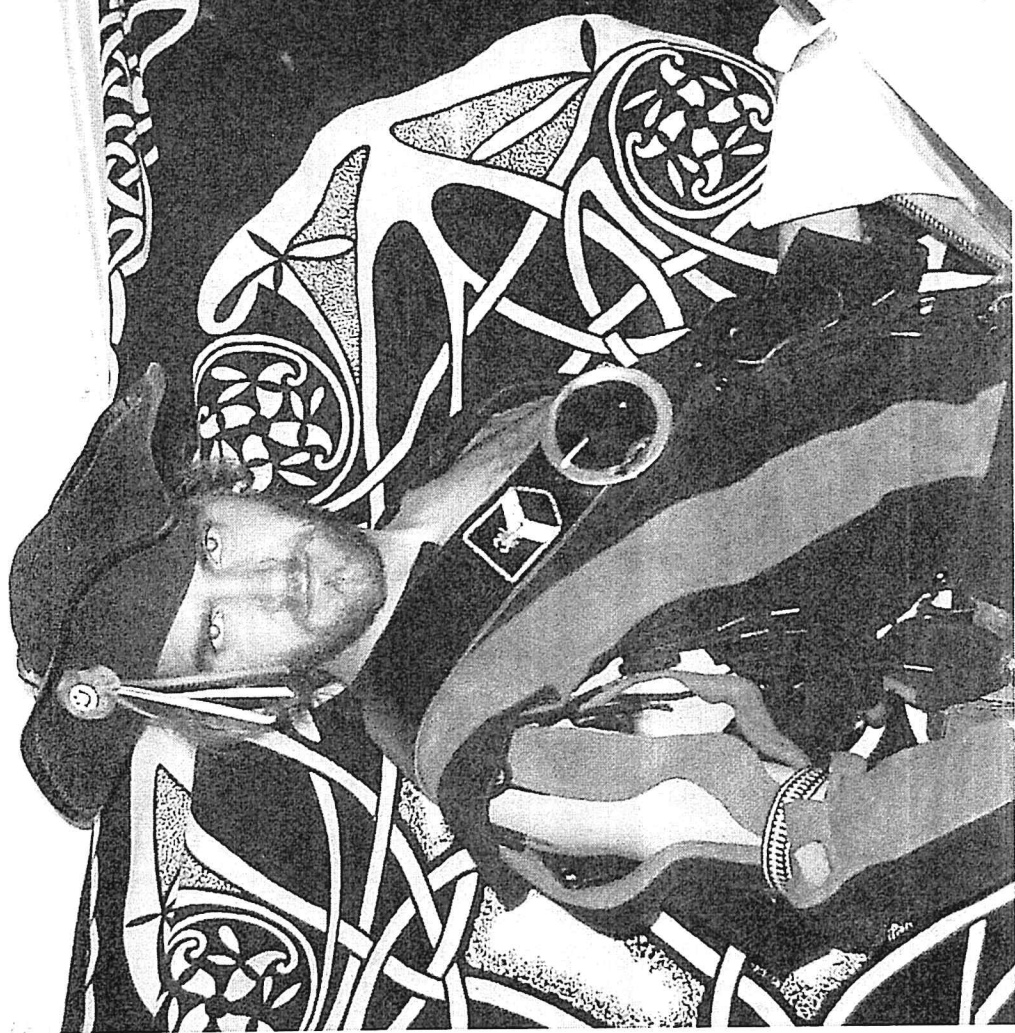
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well-dressed brigands
cocking elaborate feasts

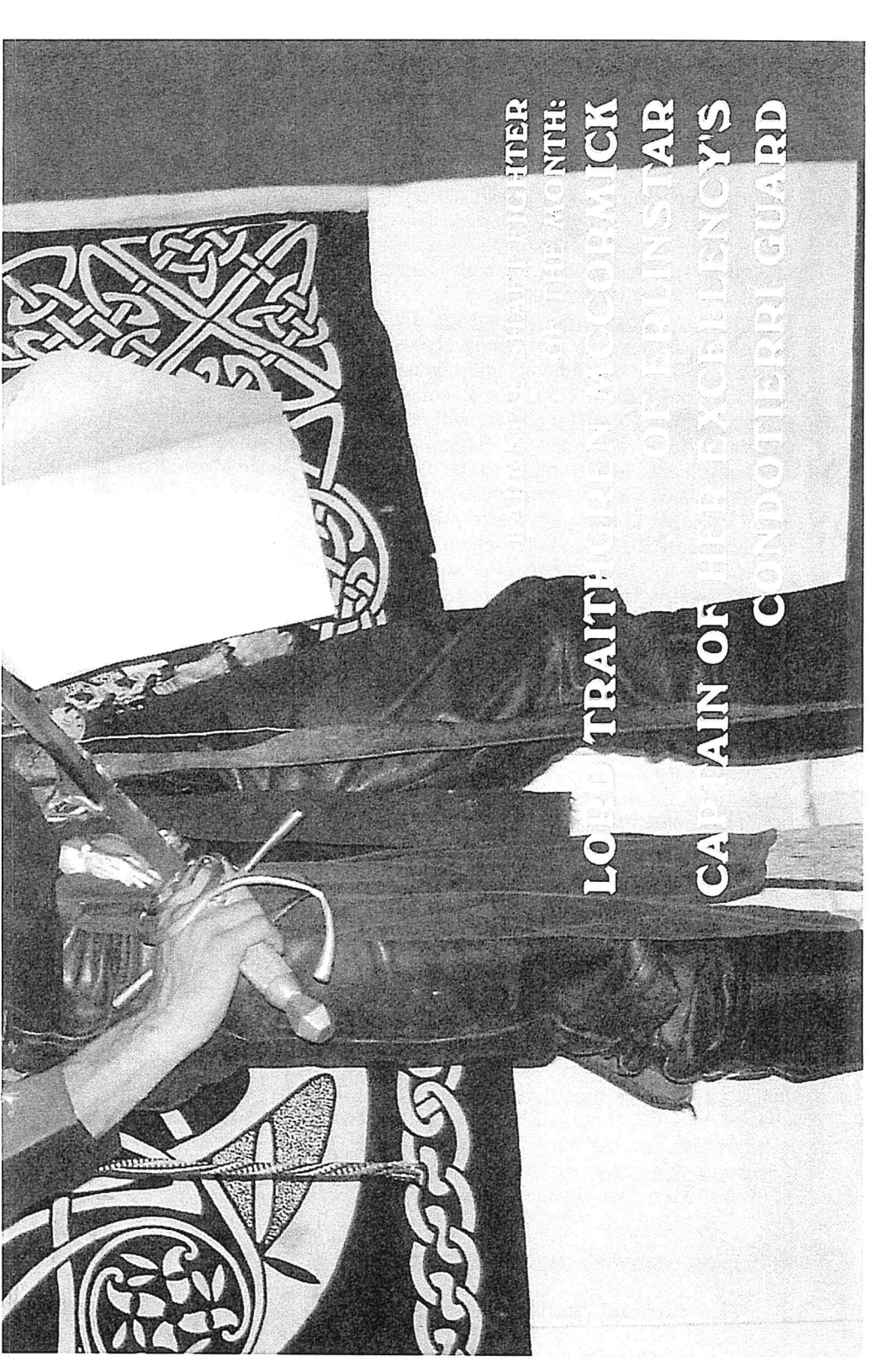
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rusty blades
longmouthed knaves

TURN-ONS:

belldancers
romantic midnight duels
sharp steel
mystery in a carset
vesting dons





HEAVENLY BEAUFORTER
FOR THE MONTH:
LOLO TRAITA GREN MCCORMICK
OF EDLINSTAR
CAPTAIN OF HER EXCELLENCY'S
CONDOTTIERI GUARD

Regular Activities

Blaiddwyn Dance Practice: Every Monday starting at 6:00pm outside Carlisle Gym. We alternate between court dance and belly dance. The first and third Monday is court dance. Bring a drum on the second and forth Monday for belly dance. Contact: Lady Dovey by email at alzarqa13@yahoo.com.

Blaiddwyn Populace Meeting: 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm at the Frontier Restaurant across from UNM at Central and Cornell. All are welcome to this business meeting for the College. Contact: Lord Rab, 362-6032 or by email at sca@unm.edu.

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Gammer Gurton's Needle: The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. GGN meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR THL Delia the Rose of Thornncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.

al-Barran Youth Team: This team meets to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers. To join this free yahoo discussion list, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/ Please contact Lady Jayne Barber at krega@aps.edu or 293-7453 for additional information.

Scribes' Workshop: Bring a project or come to learn about Calligraphy and Illumination. Scribes gather Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and the workshop now roves around the Barony. Please contact Ymanya at 881-4413 or maramaata@aol.com for meeting location, directions or other questions.

Intro to Bellydancing for Timid Folk: Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at 410 Columbia SE. Contact Lady Saeloman at 265-5319 or spitfiyre@yahoo.com for more information.

Citizens Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE,

Albuquerque, NM. Directions: Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. Contact: seneschal@al-barran.org.

Fighter Practice: Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. Contact: THL Chinua, 220-3136.

Rapier Practice: Sunday afternoons at Bataan Park; the park is on the northside of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. Contact: Ld. JT Whoreschum, 304-3391.

Westside Fighter Practice: First and third Saturdays from 11am to 1pm and Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm at Snead Park in Rio Rancho. Directions: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course. Go north on Golf Course to Southern and turn left. Turn right on Nicklaus and go 2 blocks to Casper. Turn left on Casper and go 2 blocks to Snead Loop. The park is half way down on the left. Contact: Sir Chinua (knight-marshal@al-barran.org) or Aimara Baratzuri (aheartgule@gmail.com).

Archery Practice: Held on every Saturday of each month, at 10 am. Wednesday night practices beginning at 6:30 pm are held every other week. Saturday practice range is at Sir Tore's land in the east mountains. Wednesday practice range is at Sir Stefan's home in town. Contact: Lady Lyneya del Filde for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org.

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice: Held on Wednesdays starting at 7:00 pm. Fighter practice is held on Johnson Field. Directions: Go west from Redondo and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM

Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm. Contact: Josh, the Blaiddwyn Knight Marshal, by email at kobbie44d@msn.com.

Newcomers Household Meeting: Held at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T-tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. Contact THL Christopher Blackwood at 872-2994.

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops: Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. Contact: Lady Monika at 323-5569 for more information and directions.

Twelfth Night

January 12, 2008 • 9 am - 9 pm

War Practice: January 13, 2008 • 10am - to the final death

Sponsoring Group: Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass
Tobin Park Methodist Church

9410 Roanoke Dr. El Paso, TX 79924-6602

Site is DRY

War Practice: Memorial Park

3200 Copper Ave. El Paso, TX 79930

Site Fees: \$10.00 • Feast Fees: \$5.00

Age 5 and under free, Family cap: \$45

There is a \$3.00 nonmember surcharge for all non-members.

Make checks payable to "SCA, Inc. - Citadel of the Southern Pass"

Before we meet our foes upon the fields of battle at WAR! The Barony of The Citadel of the Southern Pass wishes to invite all peoples of the Known World to venture forth on a great journey where East meets West.

Throughout the day Saturday, enjoy the sharing of cultures through various forms of entertainment. Three tournaments will be held, including one rapier and two heavy tournaments, one of which will be part of a series of unbelted tournaments sponsored by Vicomte Berold de Gilbert.

Experience a taste of the world! Feast to include foods representing many peoples of the lands along the greatest of trade routes.

As Their Excellencies Giovanni and Muireann have announced their stepping down, the populace is called to participate in a Baronial Polling on Saturday.

The day following, a call to arms for all Outlanders as we prepare for WAR!! Muster one and all at our traditional war practice site, Memorial Park, as we make ready to challenge Atenveldt and her allies on the field of battle.

Anyone in need of crash space please contact the autocrat.

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Feast Coordinator: Baroness Constance Warrock de Winandemere

**Fontaine dans Sable
12th Night & War Practice**

January 19-20th, 2008

12th Night (19th)

Aztec Senior Center

101 S. Park Ave.

Site opens at 2pm

WAR!!! practice (20th)

Apache Elementary

11:00am

Come join Their Excellencies Qara Gan and Ceara of Fontaine dans Sable in their celebration welcoming the sun's return from its winters rest. The feastocrats are preparing a wonderful feast to partake and enjoy! There will be court-dancing, games, a silent auction hosted by the Scattered Gold Guild that is not to be missed!!! Also there will be a home-brewed soda sale that D unkelgew asser will be hosting as well. Be sure to come enjoy the mischief and frolic as we crown a new Lord of Misrule and Princess of the Pea so come enjoy the warmth and fun and joy that is the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable! The drums of WAR are fast approaching and pound the earth ever louder with the passing of each day. The Barony of Fontaine dans Sable's War Practice is being held at Apache Elementary in Farmington on the 20 th of January so come join in the fun of 12th night and then be ready to put on armor the following day and battle it out on the field in preparation for Estrella WARRRR!!!

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College of St. Goliass War Practice

January 28, 2008

Site Opens: 9am • Site Closes: 5pm

College of St. Goliass

Clark Field, Socorro, NM 87801

Fees: Please bring money for the donation lunch,
but no site fee will be charged

Additional information: Bathrooms and shade available on site. A donation lunch will be served with proceeds going to the Goliass Travel Fund.

Announcement: Greetings Good Gentles, the last War Practice of the season is being held at the College of St. Goliass. Please come out and prepare yourself with alongside other fighters from the mighty armies of the Outlands. All fighters, both heavy and light, are invited to come and train for Estella War.

Directions: From I-25 North or South take Exit 150, this will be California South to Spring St., this is a light. Turn left onto Spring St. and Clark Field will be ahead. Parking will be identified with signs

Autocrat:

Lord Eoin Kerr (S. Travis Wilson)

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The Baronial Shaft CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

We will be having a calendar fundraiser in 2008 for 2009 calendars. We'll have **THREE** versions to choose from:

Life in al-Barran, WAR!: Fighting in al-Barran, and a special edition calendar that you will have to see to believe! Right now I am requesting the wonderful citizens of al-Barran to submit photos for the calendars.

So if you have any cool A&S or fighting photos, please send them our way. For more information you can contact Lady Teresa MacDuffie at (505) 299-0950

ESTRELLA WAR XXIV

February 12-18, 2008
Kingdom of Atenveldt
Canyon Moon Ranch
Florence, AZ

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March 9-16, 2008

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Warriors, Knighthood and Virtues

To begin to examine these things we need to look at the root and cores of it historically. What is a knight? What is chivalry?

From Merriam-Webster

Knight ~noun

Etymology:

Middle English, from Old English *cniht* man-at-arms, boy, servant; akin to Old High German *kneht* youth, military follower

Date: before 12th century

1 a (1): a mounted man-at-arms serving a feudal superior; especially : a man ceremonially inducted into special military rank usually after completing service as page and squire (2): a man honored by a sovereign for merit and in Great Britain ranking below a baronet (3): a person of antiquity equal to a knight in rank

From the Online Etymology Dictionary

O.E. *cniht* "boy, youth, servant," common W.Gmc. (cf. O.Fris. *kniucht*, Du. *knecht*, M.H.G. *kneht* "boy, youth, lad," Ger. *Knecht* "servant, bondsman, vassal"), of unknown origin. Meaning "military follower of a king or other superior" is from c.1100. Began to be used in a specific military sense in Hundred Years War, and gradually rose in importance through M.E. period until it became a rank in the nobility 16c. The verb meaning "to make a knight of (someone)" is from c.1300. Knighthood is O.E. *cnihtad* "the period between childhood and manhood;" sense of "rank or dignity of a knight" is from c.1300. The chess piece so called from c.1440. Knight in shining armor is from 1965. Knights of Columbus, society of Catholic men, founded 1882 in New Haven; Knights of Labor, trade union association, founded in Philadelphia, 1869; Knights of Pythias, secret order, founded in Washington, 1864

Shown clearly here the definition and history of the word points to its martial aspects. A knight is a warrior. He is a fighter in service to his

liege or his worthy. To attempt to separate the combative aspects of a knight is to remove truly what a knight is historically. The skill at arms defines the period knight.

Now lets look at the word Chivalry

From Merriam-Webster

Chivalry ~*noun*

Inflected Form(s):

plural chiv-al-ries

Etymology:

Middle English chivalrie, from Anglo-French chevalerie, from chevalier knight — more at chevalier

Date:

14th century

1: mounted men-at-arms2archaic a: martial valor b: knightly skill3: gallant or distinguished gentlemen4: the system, spirit, or customs of medieval knighthood5: the qualities of the ideal knight : chivalrous conduct



From the Online Etymology Dictionary

chivalry

1292, from O.Fr. chevalerie "horsemanship," from chevalier "knight," from M.L. caballarius "horseman," from L. caballus (see cavalier). From "mounted knight," meaning stretched 14c. to "courtly behavior."

Chivalry now directly relates to the ownership and use of a horse in martial situations. Once again we are returning to the warrior aspect but adding the use of a horse. As shown in both definitions the "qualities" and "courtly behavior" are listed as later points of reference. Looking at it historically we see the evolution of what chivalry is to become. Chivalry as a warrior's code, a concept of the court and church, and an ideal that will continue to evolve as humans do.

We have now grasped the word but where in history do we first see the knight appear?

The ancient Greeks and Romans both make reference to those who could afford a warhorse in service to the state. The Greek word hippeus {cavalry} was used as a social moniker and denoted rank in the four Athenian social classes. For the Romans the eques {equestri-



an} was the second highest social class and in later Roman period the caballus {cavalry} is denotes as the mounted warriors.

Warriors from cultures exposed to the horse had a general worship of the beast and were commonly used amongst their Elite. The samurai {literally meaning to serve} were originally bowmen and mounted bowmen long before the cultural and martial evolution of the sword styles we associate with them. The Chinese from as early as the Shang Dynasty, 17th century BC, placed their elite warriors in chariots to enter into the fray. The Sumarian, Egyptians, Mongolians, Persians all worshipped and have used the horse extensively in warfare. Knights in Europe are no different, just a standard evolution of this theme.

Since it has been established the chivalry or knight is a mounted warrior then Chivalry as a code is a code of and for the warriors. It is nearly impossible to pinpoint the birth of chivalry or warriors code. All societies from East to West have ideals for how a warrior should act. For instance in 11th century England and France we see an evolution of the warriors code into Virtues such as largess, humility, prowess and so forth. The chinese knight, Xia or Wuxia {literally wandering force} hold such virtues as wu (martial), ren (benevolence), zhong (loyalty), yong (bravery) and such in high regard. The warrior's code developed and constantly grew in the ages as it does today.

It has been noted that Charlemagne had introduced or put into use the 8 Worthies or Virtues for his men to follow during his campaigns of the 8th century. However, one of the first hints of what many view as the Code of Chivalry can be associated with Antarah ibn Shaddad, a romantic poet and warrior from the 6th century pre-Islamic Laiwa region..

Of course the Church was heavy handed in a re-imagining and re-fitting of the warrior for its own uses. The evolution of the church and knight start to create the images of chivalry and the Code of Chivalry as we see them today. In the 10th century the Pax Dei Treuga Dei {Peace and Truce of God} movement established by the Catholic church, was one of the first attempts to pacify and control the warriors and nobles who had established the nations and boundaries. This was viewed as a necessary step for not only the churches own well being, but to settle the constant local conflicts of the nobles. This movement introduced some of the key Virtues listed today in several forms of the Code of Chivalry.

The Christianization of the European Feudal society was reflect-



ed in the Churches Rites associated with knighthood. The vigil, bath, fasting, and reciting of Biblical text or Virtues was common placed and used as an effective tool to enlarge the empire, control the nobles and spread the word of the Church. As the knight evolved through Crusades, the church continues to add its virtues, based on the faith, to the warrior's ethos. Through upholding God when slaying the Infidel, the sword arm would be stronger.

Literature of this time was also reflecting the evolution of the warrior in a romantic way. The *Chanson de Roland* (Song of Roland), Ramon Lull's *Book of the Order of Chivalry*, or *The Unconquered Knight*, Don Pero Niño, written by his very own flag bearer, Gutierre Díez de Gamez, all reflect upon the nobleness, righteousness and courage of Knights. In fact the *Book of The Order of Chivalry* was written as a training manual of sorts for Squires when Ramon Lull retired from that world. *Chansons de geste*, songs of heroic deeds, a sort of historic fiction, swayed and tempered the warrior knights in the public's eye as we march through the Crusades and into Courtly Love and Virtues.

In the SCA we pull from a vast time period as well as being shaped by the modern world and morals. However at the very core of the knight is his ability to fight, and fight well. Well enough to earn a living and stay within the comfort of that profession. This warrior had to be able to supply himself and vassals with the tools and devices necessary to compete and comply on a martial level. A knight in the modern middle ages is best defined as prowess tempered.

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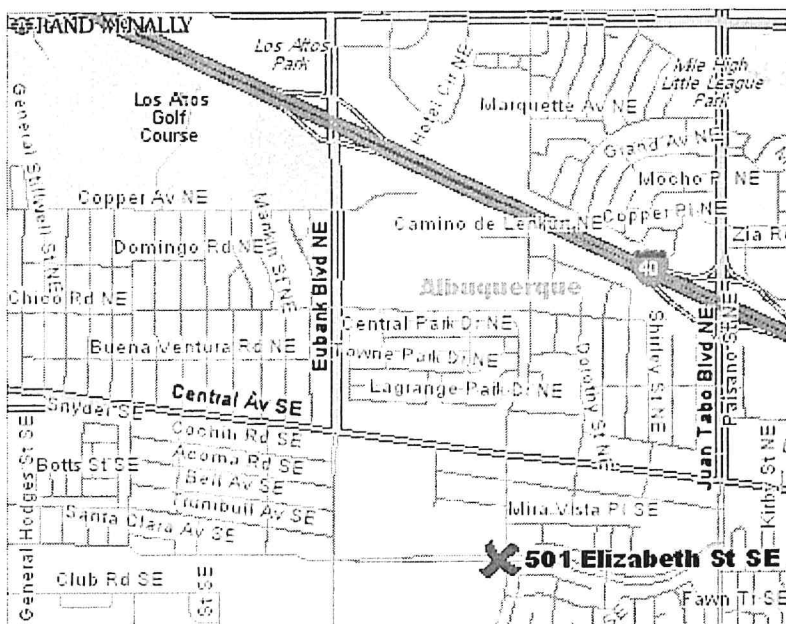
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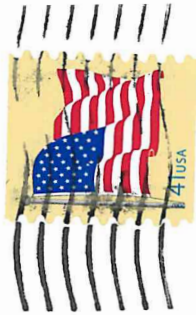
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